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SUMMER TALK SERIES CONTINUES

The Summer 2004 *History in the Park - Stories from the West* continues with a presentation on women's perspectives of the California Trail on Tuesday, July 27th, 7:00 p.m. on the lawn in the City Park immediately behind the Northeastern Nevada Museum in Elko.

The talk will be given by local Toastmasters Helen Hankins, Mary Jo King, and Janice Collett. King and Collett are long-time Elko residents and active in the local Toastmasters Club. Hankins is the Field Manager of the BLM Elko Field Office.

Hankins described the presentation, "It is estimated that during the 1849 migration to California, the ratio of overland travelers was 1 woman for every 500 men. There appears to be some truth to the notion that the presence of women having a civilizing effect on men. There was more "trouble" in 1849 than other trail years. The next year, 1850, was much different with 1 woman for every 39 men. The presentation will include stories about several women who made the journey overland to California and will examine roles women had on the trail."

The Summer 2004 *History in the Park - Stories from the West* program is a free lecture series reflecting the wealth of history of Nevada and the American West. Several of the talks focus on stories of the California National Historic Trail.

Sponsored by the Northeastern Nevada Museum, Nevada Humanities Council, and the Bureau of Land Management Elko Field Office, all talks begin at 7:00 p.m. and will be held behind the Museum in the City Park. In the event of inclement weather, the talks will be moved indoors to the Museum Theater. All talks are free and the public is encouraged to attend. Bring a lawn chair or blanket for open seating on the grass.

For more information about the series, contact the Northeastern Nevada Museum in Elko, (775) 738-3418.

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